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Amendments to the Specification:

Please cancel the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 3 and replace it with the following paragraph:

Such manual tracking systems require considerable pharmacy support worker time and attentiveness to be used effectively. For example, if it takes a worker 20-60 seconds to manually enter the location of each prescription order that arrives at a particular worker's station, and that station typically handles 3000-6000 prescription orders per week, then 25-50 hours per week per station would be spent entering this information. If there are numerous stations within the pharmacy, the total time spent within the pharmacy manually entering such information could easily exceed several hundred hours per week. Moreover, the tracked information is usually only available to the pharmacy staff. Accordingly, customers must repeatedly interrupt the pharmacy workers to inquire into the status of their pending prescription orders.

Please cancel the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 18 and replace it with the following paragraph:

The present invention also includes a customer specific, position sensing device for detecting and identifying the location of one or more prescription orders as they travel within a pharmacy and are ultimately bundled together in a location for either customer pickup or filing. Typically the bundle includes one or more prescription orders for a customer, and/or product or information ordered by the customer. With all of a customer's requested information and products having the same customer identifier, pharmacy worker time spent preparing and installing tracking labels and the like, and tracking those labels through the pharmacy and storage area are greatly reduced.

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Please cancel the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 1 and replace it with the following paragraph:

In one preferred embodiment, the tags are unique bar codes with a unique bar code assigned to each customer, and the tag reading devices are bar code scanners positioned throughout the retail pharmacy. In an alternative preferred embodiment, the tags are electromagnetic antenna and the like, and the tag readers are limited range transponders and the like as disclosed in U.S. Pat. No. 6,057,756 to Engellenner, that automatically detect the location of the attached prescription order as it enters and leaves predetermined locations throughout the pharmacy. The tag readers can be fixed at the particular locations, or portable (i.e. handheld) to facilitate scanning of prescription orders that are compiled in bulk.